

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

<u>IURC RM #06-08</u> LSA #06-514

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to IC 8-1-1-3(g) and IC 8-1-2.6-4.1(b), hereby proposes to amend 170 IAC 1-1.5-1 to exempt a video franchise application or notice of change form filed under IC 8-1-34 from the ex parte rules of the Commission. The Commission shall hear public comments on the attached proposed rule at a date and time to be determined, in Room E306, of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Secretary of the Commission is hereby directed to maintain five (5) copies of the proposed rule continuously on file in the Commission Offices for public inspection, and forward copies of the attached proposed rule to the Indiana Legislative Services Agency for publication in the Indiana Register.

David Lott Hardy, Chairman

Larry S. Landis, Commissioner

Gregory D. Server, Commissioner

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brenda A. Howe, Secretary to the Commission

Date: **DEC 2 0** 2006

TITLE 170 INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Proposed Rule

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DIGEST

Amends 170 IAC 1-1.5-1 to exempt a video franchise application or notice of change form filed under IC 8-1-34 from the exparte rules of the commission. Effective upon filing with the Publisher.

170 IAC 7-1.4

SECTION 1. 170 IAC 1-1.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 1.5. Ex Parte Contacts

170 IAC 1-1.5-1 Definitions

Authority: IC 8-1-1-3

Affected: IC 8-1-15; IC 8-1-2-42; IC 8-1-2-61.5; IC 8-1-34

- Sec. 1. (a) As used in this rule, "commission" refers to the Indiana utility regulatory commission.
- (b) As used in this rule, "filing a report" means the filing of written testimony or the presentation of oral testimony, or both, by a technical employee in a pending proceeding.
- (c) As used in this rule, "proceeding" means a formally docketed proceeding before the commission. The term does not include any of the following:
 - (1) A rulemaking.
 - (2) A thirty (30) day filing under IC 8-1-2-42(a).
 - (3) A filing under IC 8-1-2-61.5.
 - (4) A petition under 170 IAC 7-4.
 - (5) An informal investigation.
 - (6) An investigation and disposition by the consumer affairs division of the commission.
 - (7) An application or notice of change form filed under IC 8-1-34.
- (d) As used in this rule, "technical employee" means a professional employee of the commission working in the accounting, economic, engineering, or other professional technical advisory staff division. The term includes the utilities director. (Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; 170 IAC 1-1.5-1; filed Dec 9, 1996, 10:00 a.m.: 30 IR 938; readopted filed Jul 11, 2001, 4:30 p.m.: 24 IR 4233)

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this document shall take effect upon filing with the Publisher.